



*The Margil.*

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THE MARGIL APPLE.

This Apple is very generally cultivated in the gardens about *London*, and is deservedly held in much esteem, being excellent both as a fruit for the dessert, and for every culinary purpose: it does not, however, possess sufficient beauty to become a favourite in the *London Market*, where intrinsic merit too generally yields to appearance as a criterion of the value of fruits. The author has not been able to obtain any satisfactory account, either of the origin of this variety, or of the date of its introduction.

The trees are of rather slender growth, and are moderately fertile. Young shoots long, thin, of a dark purplish brown. Leaves small, long in proportion to their width, deep green on their upper surface, pale, and pubescent beneath. Fruit rather small, conical in form, about 2 to 2½ inches in length, and from 1½ to 2 inches in width at the base, pointed towards the eye, which is small, closely folded, and is surrounded by prominent ribs, which become widened and flattened gradually towards the base. Footstalk short, inserted in a narrow cavity. Skin of a greenish yellow, changing to a rich brown, or dull orange hue; and becoming, when ripened in a good exposure, tinted with red, and streaked